

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1204
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Pastors Ed and Nora King of Redemption Church International for 25 years of service to the congregation and the Knoxville community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm over the years to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, such dedicated ministers are Pastors Ed and Nora King, who are celebrating their 25th year of service as pastors of Redemption Church International (RCI) in downtown Knoxville, having given guidance and spiritual inspiration to their congregation and earning the respect and admiration of their congregation and all our citizens through their wholehearted and dedicated leadership in church and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, answering the call of God in 1978, Ed and Nora King traveled to Knoxville to establish RCI, a non-denominational, full-gospel church that began with no financial backing and only the support of another couple; today RCI boasts a congregation of nearly 2,000 members; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian missionary, Pastor Ed King has traveled to over 30 countries to teach and preach the Gospel and conduct leadership conferences and evangelistic meetings, in addition to leading many mission groups from RCI to other countries to reach out to peoples of other nations; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Pastors Ed and Nora King will lead an RCI mission trip comprised of nearly 200 members to Venezuela to feed and build housing for children and their families in impoverished areas; and

WHEREAS, reaching out to their local community, Pastors Ed and Nora King established the R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Communities in Knoxville) ministry, which has

sponsored Christmas activities to ensure that children from disadvantaged homes receive gifts and food for the holidays and held free carnivals in the summer months to present a positive Christian message to residents of struggling neighborhoods and invite them to visit RCI; and

WHEREAS, in addition to weekly ministries for Youth, Singles, Young Families and a host of other groups at Redemption Church International, Pastors Ed and Nora King have both been instrumental in helping plant new churches in the United States; and

WHEREAS, respected by his peers and colleagues as a "Pastor's Pastor", Pastor Ed King is the author of several books and has a television broadcast, "Power of the Word," televised both in Knoxville and nationally; and

WHEREAS, with the love and encouragement they gain from each other, Pastors Ed and Nora King have been a powerful positive influence in the community and have earned a justly-deserved respect for their many years of service to this congregation and to the Knoxville community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Pastors Ed and Nora King on their 25 years of service to Redemption Church International and their service to their community and the people of Knoxville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes for many more happy and productive years in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.